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GW voters don't need a runoff in election 1996

BY JARED SHER
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Damian McKenna captured the Student Association presidency last week on the heels of the heaviest voter turnout in seven years, garnering 41.1 percent of the vote to avoid a runoff.

Dianne Gayoski rode a wave of popular support to advance to the executive vice presidency, picking up a astounding 47.2 percent of the electorate.

The election marks the first time since 1991 that both the president and EVP will advance to office without having to face a challenge in a runoff.

An ebullient McKenna kissed the floor of J Street when the Joint Elections Committee announced his victory shortly after 1:30 a.m. Friday. He pledged to be the best SA president the University has ever had and promised to make the SA the best student government in the nation.

Both candidates' victories reverse an election trend that has developed in recent history at GW. Last year, both the president and EVP races were forced into a runoff.

McKenna and Gayoski both benefited from increased turnout in Ross Hall, the voting area for students in the School of Medicine. Nearly 10 percent of all votes cast came from Ross Hall, a total almost double the participation of the medical school last year.

The president-elect dominated the Ross Hall voting with 90 percent. Gayoski, meanwhile, captured 86 percent of the vote there.

In the race for president, runner up Elizabeth Alexander narrowly missed moving to a runoff with McKenna. With 24 percent of the vote, Alexander used a strong showing in Thurston Hall to stay even with McKenna.

Packy Moran, the third place finisher with 17.4 percent, edged Alexander for second place in the Marvin Center, the most popular voting area. But McKenna beat both challengers there handily, picking up 39 percent.

Margaret Burke and David Burns finished significantly behind the pack, with 10.5 and 5.2 percent of the vote, respectively.

The EVP race also featured the Marvin Center as a big boost, with Gayoski picking up 46 percent of the vote there. In a tight race for second place overall in the contest,

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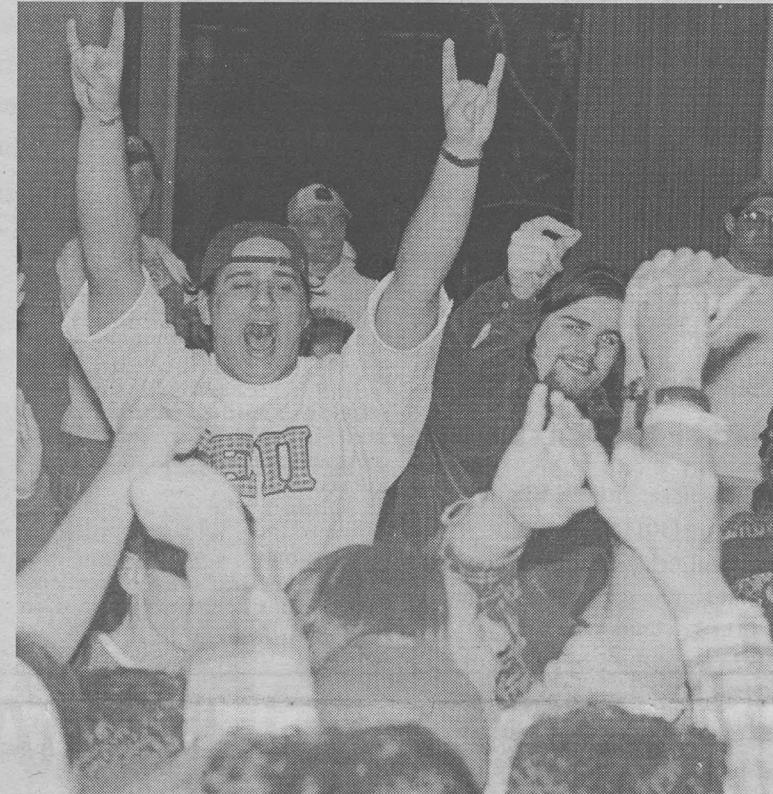


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Members of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity celebrate Damian McKenna's win in the Student Association presidential race.

Winners obscure insider, outsider line

BY JIM GERAGHTY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

After current Student Association Sens. Damian McKenna and Dianne Gayoski sailed to victories in the presidential and executive vice presidential races in last week's elections, current SA President Mark Reynolds commented that this year's exceptionally high turnout answered the question of student satisfaction with the SA.

"Candidates that ran on an anti-Student Association platform lost," Reynolds said.

Or did they? All of the presidential candidates at one point or another during the campaign presented themselves as either a candidate of change or as an outsider.

Highlighted in President-elect McKenna's platform was his Project 100, designed to get more students involved with the SA and to look at

what other student governments around the country have done. During a candidate forum, he said that he had done all he could from his current position to change what's wrong with the SA, but could do more as president.

EVP winner Gayoski cited a "communication gap" between the students and the SA.

The question was, did any candidate actually run on a "pro-SA" platform? The debate on campus did not seem to be whether to support the status quo, but

which form of change was the best. In fact, there seemed to be a general consensus among the five presidential candidates that the SA, despite its successes this year, has problems with communication and accountability.

Margaret Burke said she wanted to make the SA more accountable to

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Lake to talk security for new world order National Security Advisor to visit GW

BY ILENE CLAUSON
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

National Security Advisor Anthony Lake will deliver an address at GW Wednesday to propose changes in the security policy of the United States following the Cold War.

According to a White House Official, the United States has moved from dealing with superpower nations to smaller ethnic and religious issues. Iran, Iraq and Libya, several of the countries known as "Rogue States," remain threatened by dictators and face these conflicts.

Lake will focus on this "New World" and how the United States will deal with new types of conflicts such as the situation in Haiti. Lake, along with President Clinton, has formulated ideas on the use of force - when to use it, how to deploy it and when to recognize that the United States cannot address the problem. These are key facets of the new policy proposals.

"The Clinton Administration has priorities for expanding democracy to achieve freer and more open commercial markets," the White House official said.

Trade, U.S. produce exports and protecting American jobs are all priorities for Clinton. Sustaining relations with other nations will help sell American products to citizens of other countries, he explained.

GW diners dismayed by ARAMark proposals

BY ANNE M. GLENZER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Students have expressed an overwhelmingly negative reaction to enacted and proposed changes to J Street and the meal plan.

Random obscenities, sour faces and flaming e-mails of hungry, disillusioned students are beginning to surface in response to the recent publicity for meal program changes.

"I think it stinks," sophomore Marc Shaller said. He is one of many students concerned about the lack of safe options available to late night eaters. When students return to campus on weekends after going to clubs, they need a safe place to grab a bite to eat, he said.

Students Dana Evans and Alexandra Rucker frequented J Street late at night after attending movies in the Marvin Center. They said it doesn't make sense to stop serving food when the movies end at midnight and people are hungry.

"Close at 3 a.m. if you want to save money," said Rucker, who is upset at the lack of consideration given to students' opinions.

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Talkin' loud and sayin' nothing

One is the luckiest number for three SA senators-elect

Nick Cohen was standing in line at an ATM Friday when he found out that he is a Student Association senator.

"I saw my name (in The GW Hatchet) and it was really funny," the newly elected School of Medicine and Health Sciences representative said Sunday. "I couldn't stop laughing."

Barbara Mosseau had a slightly different reaction when she found out Sunday that she won the School of Education and Human Development graduate seat:

"I did?"

Don't laugh. You might be surprised too if you received only one vote in last week's SA elections.

And won.

That's exactly what happened to Cohen, an EMS training major, Mosseau, a doctoral candidate in educational administration and pol-

icy development, as well as Columbian School graduate student Sarandis Papadopoulos.

Cohen's daughter reflected his appreciation of the irony of it all. "The other candidates had to work so hard. The competition (for the major seats) was so stiff ... And I won," he said. "I didn't even ask my

friends to vote for me because I didn't think I was being considered."

The final tallies, for those of you who missed it:

In the race for the two SMHS senator spots: Greg Curvan, 24 votes; Nick Cohen, 1.

In the race for the SEHD graduate seat: Barbara Mosseau, 1; Abba "Dancing King" Eban, 0.

In the race for the CSAS graduate seat: Sarandis Papadopoulos, 1; George Papadopoulos, 0.

It's just a good thing that Cohen, Mosseau and Papadopoulos didn't go up against political juggernaut Robert Chernak, who happens to moonlight as GW's vice president for academic and support services.

Chernak finished fifth with two bona fide votes in the graduate senator at large race, edging budding megalomaniac Greg Curvan (one vote), who apparently wanted insurance that he would win at least one seat.

For Mosseau and Cohen, getting elected isn't so flip as I am making it seem. It wasn't a case of some joker filling in a buddy's name as a wacky prank after watching *The Distinguished Gentleman* on cable — both wrote in their own names after noticing empty seats on the ballot. "I take (the Senate position) very seriously now that I have it," Cohen said. "I'm going to try very hard to represent the students in the medical school."

Mosseau, who juggles her classes with family and a full-time job and commutes from Virginia, was "totally unaware" of the elections. That is, until she was stopped on the street Thursday by presidential hopeful (now president-elect)

Damian McKenna, who urged her to vote.

Mosseau was doing just that when she noticed that no one else was interested in her school's seat. Seeing "an opportunity to get involved," she wrote in her name.

"The reason I did it was not to put my name down," she said. "I did it because I wanted to do something."

It's easy to think that because three students won on the strength of one vote that students just don't care about the SA. Cohen and Mosseau, however, disagree. "Just looking at the numbers (of overall voters), that's a lot compared to other activities ... When you see that many other people caring that much, it says a lot," Cohen said.

"Graduate students at this level are just really busy and don't have the time to get involved," Mosseau added.

But these three students have. In a campus election full of inside/outside rhetoric, they simply saw an opportunity and jumped at it, putting new blood in what otherwise would have been empty seats.

I say, "Bully for them," and not simply because I really like to say "bully." After all, who knows what they can do with their positions — no one seemed to care much about a director for community affairs before Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar took the job.

So now it's time for Cohen, Mosseau and Papadopoulos — perhaps the only real "outsiders" to get elected — to try and turn their surprise into success. "Obviously, I don't have a platform," Cohen said. "So we'll just see what I can do."

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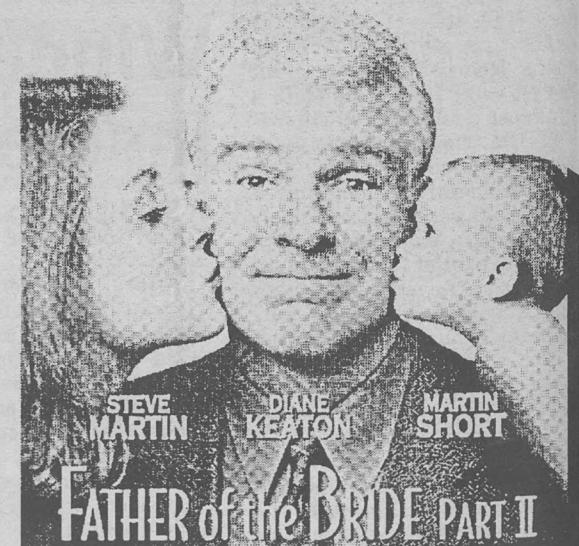
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Morris' WRGW show to be debate forum

BY MATTHEW KWAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

WRGW radio will bring the debates of the 1996 elections to the airwaves as the College Democrats and College Republicans square off on freshman Shane Morris' Sunday morning show.

Morris said an incident last semester in which discussion between the two groups on the radio "became so heated that a physical scuffle almost broke out." "It's important that the two sides are well represented on campus to offer students a fair choice when choosing their positions on certain issues," Sayegh said.

Shane Morris

primaries and election, the budget, taxes and fundamental political issues." Tokuda added that they also hoped to debate issues such as education and abortion.

"It's important that the two sides are well represented on campus to offer students a fair choice when choosing their positions on certain issues," Sayegh said.

Morris said the show would also discuss the "Pat Buchanan phenomena" and foreign policies such as the U.S. involvement in Bosnia. He added that he is always open to suggestions for new topics of debate and guests on the show.

The exact details of the show are still "being ironed out," Morris said. It is tentatively scheduled to air from 11 a.m. to noon on Sundays, starting March 10. Morris said that he hoped the show would encourage other student groups on campus to become politically active.

"It's strange that our school is in D.C. and there are people who are not involved in politics," Morris said.

Sayegh said that the debates would include discussing the "1996

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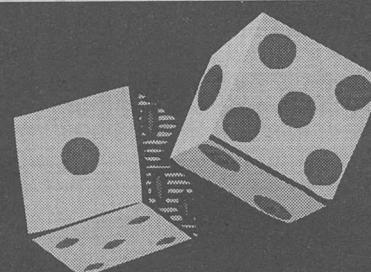
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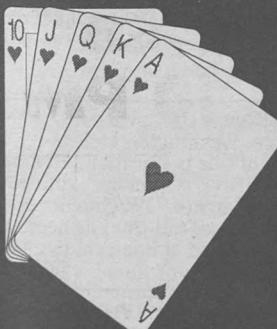
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Election epilogue

The buildup leading to last week's Student Association elections pitted the so-called "insiders" against the so-called "outsiders" as the two groups that would decide the look of next year's SA.

The predictions were half right: the insiders and their supporters played their part in the election. The outsiders, for the most part, stayed there.

Despite all of the rhetoric to infuse the SA with new blood, Damian McKenna - who spent his campaign defending himself against claims of being the SA poster boy - and Dianne Gayoski - a two-year SA veteran - breezed to victories last week. None of the renegade candidates even seriously contended. While no one seems willing to admit it, someone obviously thinks that the SA is doing its job.

Meanwhile, the outsiders' collective performance raises questions of how effective the old SA elitism claim is as an election platform. We aren't criticizing those who campaign for change - it's just that change must be elected to be implemented. The true outsiders - those who feel that the SA plays no part in their lives and don't care that it doesn't - will likely never vote in the elections. How does one campaign to a voluntarily deaf-mute constituency?

While the outsiders were disappointed, another constituency - GW's Greek-letter organizations - took their place. In addition to McKenna and Gayoski, two Columbian School of Arts and Sciences senators-elect - Hal Kanefsky and Lance Rothenberg - attributed their strong showings to name recognition within the Greek-letter community.

Judging by the throngs supporting McKenna and Gayoski at J Street early Friday morning, GW's fraternities and sororities chose to vote as a block and exercise their considerable voice.

In the end, it's just this simple: those who have a vested interest in the SA are still the majority of those who vote. But the outsiders did gain a sort of moral victory, as they changed the tone of the elections altogether. Every single candidate, whether SA veteran or not, espoused "change" as a central tenet in their platform. Everyone was suddenly talking about getting more students involved.

So, perhaps not coincidentally, the number of voters rose. Hopefully, it will turn into a trend - SA members taking the lead in getting more students involved, and more students following that lead and participating.

School daze

Following a suggestion in President Clinton's State of the Union address in January, school officials in Prince George's County, Md., have begun serious deliberation of mandatory uniforms in public schools.

While it's an idea that deserves consideration, it goes without saying that reform of our nation's troubled education system must go much further.

Proponents of mandatory uniforms preach that they reduce competition and classism among students and teach pride in one's appearance. They cite studies that point to decreased violence in schools that have made the switch.

But questions still abound. Who, for example, will foot the bill? The desperate situation in many schools results from the unstable homes of some of their students, and it's unfair to force an additional cost on those who may not be able to afford it.

More importantly, uniforms address a symptom, not the problem. Students in uniforms may no longer shoot each other over clothing, but the deep-rooted lack of self-esteem and feelings of desperation will manifest themselves in other ways.

Making students wear uniforms will not solve anything on its own. But while it may not be the answer, perhaps it's one answer. It's a fairly low-risk proposition, and it just might help. However, unless school officials honestly look deeper for a solution, it will be just another stop-gap measure.

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Dole's empty platform is coming back to haunt him in GOP race

With the conclusion of the New Hampshire primary and the surprising results, many are perplexed at the utter collapse of Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.). A short time ago, it was thought that the nomination was Dole's to lose.

(Editor's note: This piece was submitted prior to final results of the South Carolina primary.)

Despite not having a true vision for the nation's future, the veteran senator from Kansas was bequeathed the Republican nomination by a consensus of political pundits and insiders. He had run for the presidency so many times and been entrenched in Congress so long, it was claimed he should be rewarded for his supposedly valuable service to the party and the country. Now, as Bob Dole continues to plummet in the polls, the cream is rising to the top and the dead weight is falling to the bottom.

Why have the people begun to reject the Dole candidacy? The answer is simple: Bob Dole has no compelling message. This is the emptiest presidential campaign of our lifetime. Dole has offered no vision for the future and no plans to address the central issues most Americans are concerned about such as the economy, crime, education, stagnant wages, etc. One has to wonder if he even knows why he is running for the presidency.

Running a campaign devoid of any content whatsoever, Dole has essentially campaigned on his résumé, claiming he has been "tested" and has the proper "experience." He speaks of the campaign as his "last mission." Bob Dole said it best in 1995 when commenting on his upcoming presidential campaign: "I just think I have to do this thing - somehow I've got to be president." It is difficult to believe the public

would elect someone president on such a pathetic and trivial platform.

Secondly, as the voters become more informed about Dole's record, they are slowly coming to the realization that he has no true political beliefs, but more often than not, attempts to cleverly position himself to obtain maximum political advantage. Dole has flip-flopped, back-tracked and reversed himself so many times - on so many different issues - it's a mathematical feat trying to keep count.

For instance, on the issue of

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taxes, Dole has viciously attacked President Clinton for passing "the largest tax increase in history." Dole conveniently fails to mention that in 1982, in order to clean up the mess created by Ronald Reagan's first budget in 1981, Dole supported a huge \$336 billion tax increase, according to the Washington Times (Oct. 18, 1995).

That amount was much larger than Clinton's 1993 budget, which raised income taxes only on the highest income earners in the nation. The facts show that Bob Dole is the true author of the "largest tax increase in history."

Dole's history on affirmative action has been anything but consistent. In 1985, when Ronald Reagan sought to repeal executive orders that established much of the affirmative action that is now in place, Bob Dole strenuously objected and eventually convinced Reagan to back off. During the Bush administration, Dole sponsored legislation that created the Glass Ceiling Commission, which

investigated why there was a tremendous dearth of minorities in top executive positions.

Now however, we are told that Bob Dole has seen the light. He passionately denounces affirmative action, capitulating to the demands of conservative ideologues in the Republican Party. Will the real Bob Dole please stand up?

In 1994, Dole vigorously opposed health care reform in the Senate. At the time he claimed that only small-scale, incremental reforms were necessary. What is Dole's current position on health care? No one seems to know: Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R-Kan.) has recently offered a bipartisan bill to prevent health insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions that is nearly identical to the bill Dole originally proposed in 1993. Not surprisingly, Dole among other Republicans, has stifled the Kassebaum legislation in the Senate, directly contradicting his previous stance.

These issues, among numerous others, are also indicative of how Bob Dole is bending over backward to satisfy the Christian Coalition. A few months back, he originally accepted a campaign contribution from a gay Republican organization. After religious fanatics such as Pat Robertson and Ralph Reed were displeased, Dole returned the money. But within a few weeks he changed his mind once again and claimed he should not have returned the money after all.

With Dole in the presidential race, another candidate is not even necessary. Perhaps the 1996 election could simply be Dole vs. Dole.

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OPINION

Make a resolution to aid GW's 175th

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Tell your congressman that on Jan. 31 Rep. Cliff Sterns (R-Fla.) introduced House Concurrent Resolution 139 to honor GW and tell your senators that Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) has introduced similar legislation in the Senate

(Senate Concurrent Resolution 41). Tell your elected representatives that in 1821 Congress adjourned to join President Monroe at the University commencement ceremony. Ask that they support the effort to honor

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this historic occasion.

As students, faculty and staff working tirelessly in the nation's capital, we owe it to not only ourselves but to all those who came before us at our institution. An institution with a history as wonderful as ours deserves the few moments it will take to contact your elected representatives.

While the effort to contact distinguished alumni now serving in

Congress has already begun, the additional support of all members of Congress — urged by the GW community — will ensure passage of this commemorative legislation. I would like to thank those who have already begun to advance our efforts, such as Linda Christensen in the School of Business and Public Management.

Should you have any questions regarding how to contact your elected officials or would like more information about House Concurrent Resolution 139 or Senate Concurrent Resolution 41, please contact me by e-mail at garyw@gwes2 or at the Office of Congressional and Federal Relations at 994-9132.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wilder classes

Readers of The GW Hatchet may be pleased to hear that the op-ed piece by Nick Wilder ("Introductory English classes are podiums for P.C. fringe rants," Feb. 26, p. 4) was widely distributed in the Department of English among teachers of the introductory English classes and others, such as myself, who are not currently teaching English 9, 10 or 11 but have a long-standing interest in the freshman English program and the ways it is perceived, by students and other interested observers.

Nick Wilder is a competent writer and far from ignorant. His commentary is substantive and specific, and he gets his names and titles right, even honoring the wish of bell hooks to keep the capital letters off her pseudonym. It is probably true that conservative viewpoints and canonical texts are conspicuous by their absence from the required reading for English 9, 10 and 11 classes, and this may be too bad. I would like to discuss the matter with him (e-mail quitsl@gwes2, anyone), and to see his reading list for an ideal English 11 course.

There are two things in Mr. Wilder's piece that shouldn't pass unchallenged. One is rather trivial, the other fundamental and important. Early on, he refers in passing to English 9, 10 and 11 as "the basic, gut English classes required of many GW undergraduates." If the general perception of these courses is that they are "guts," we have a problem more serious than P.C. reading lists.

In my view, our composition courses shouldn't be, and aren't, hard to pass with respectable grades if a student does steady and honest work. They may even be easy A's if one comes reasonably well prepared from high school and takes an interest in what's assigned.

But I resent the implication

that any part of the freshman writing sequence is a "gut": most students come to GW with a lot to learn about critical thinking and constructing an orderly, well-informed, persuasive argument, and the last thing they need is a gut English class.

The more serious matter is this: Mr. Wilder charges that freshman English classes are being used, typically or systematically, "as a medium for ideological proselytization typical of women's studies and African-American studies." Starting with a profound misunderstanding of what women's studies and African-American studies (or any other studies that are not value-free or neutral in their point of view) are all about, he confuses reading reform-oriented and controversial books — written from experience at odds with his own — with being indoctrinated.

He not only questions the integrity of the instructors in English courses, he insults the intelligence and doubts the resilience of the students in them.

I don't doubt that indoctrination (and maybe even something worthy of the silly word "proselytization") happens. Usually, though, in the English department as elsewhere in the University, we are really eager to see the points of view and the ideas found in textbooks and lectures challenged. Understanding something thoroughly involves seeing through it, or around its edges. Mr. Wilder may not understand this: he seems to like ideas that he can either swallow whole or glide past with a sneer.

One of the traditional principles in writing pedagogy holds that you'll get good writing from students if you give them good things to read and reward them for imitating those models. It's a technique that's nice when it works, dreadful when it doesn't. The big problem is that this kind of teaching involves — in either a blatant or a dishonest fashion — "the advance-

ment of a particular ideological orientation," enshrined in the style and substance of the masters being studied.

Most of us now teaching believe that it's more effective, though sometimes more difficult, to teach students by introducing them to unfamiliar, unsettling, unfinished writing some of the time, and to help them raise questions that don't already have answers.

We don't suppose that any of this is going to bring about a general reform of American society, but for those students who are willing to think for themselves and develop some new skills, the introductory English classes might open some doors and offer some alternatives to stuffy complacency.

— Jon Quitslund, professor of English

Needed voices

I am one angry black lesbian.

Last Monday I found something else to add to the list of things that make me angry, or at least piss me off: an opinion piece entitled "Introductory English classes are podiums for P.C. fringe rants" (The GW Hatchet, p. 4).

On Tuesday, I added another: a brief and infuriating — yet invigorating — discussion about the article in my own English 11 class.

First, let me address the article, an obvious show of the threatened feeling of those who belong to and believe in the patriarchal tradition of a "white, male, patriarchal, heterosexist, capitalist, phallocentric conspiracy of oppression." Why is it that when women choose to address controversial issues through literature — that is, issues that affect us personally — it is "ideology"?

When Dickens addresses classicism, or when Trevor addresses religious warfare, they are classics. When did subtlety, by itself, give birth to brilliance? Does vulgarity in literature make it trash

Alumni wallets are open — but the bookstore isn't

I am a graduate of GW, and as most alumni will tell you — our school is still close to our hearts because the University and the community had such a profound impact on our lives. But there is one aspect to our school that has pained me ever since I arrived at GW in the fall of 1990.

The GW bookstore is never open.

The day I graduated from GW was not only exciting, but it was an emotional day for my relatives who had come from great distances to share it with me. After the ceremony, which was complete with our nation's First Lady delivering the

commencement address, my family wanted take a trip to the bookstore and buy everything in sight.

Unfortunately, when we got there, the sign on the door said that they were closed. I guess this should not have surprised me because the store is always closed on Sundays. I just figured that any good business should operate on a day when so many out-of-towners are on campus and in a spending mood. This way, they can cater to their customers while taking advantage of some pretty brisk sales. Eventually, I got over it.

Over Charter Day weekend a short time ago, I came down with some friends to attend the GW-La Salle basketball game. The game was great and so was the show that the school put on for the 175th anniversary.

After the game, my friends and I decided to go over to the bookstore to buy some things to bring back to New York with us. Much to automatically?

"Melville, Shakespeare and Poe need to move over" because the requirements have changed. I don't know about you all out there in campus publication land, but I am sick and tired of being sick and tired of "the classics." For the past 12 years, I have had almost nothing but the classics shoved down my throat to the point where I could speak in Shakespearean language to my friends and make literary allusions in the most mundane of conversations. Sure, that would have impressed my English teachers beyond belief, but I was regurgitating the stories and lives of people to whom I could not and cannot relate whatsoever.

I realize that this is not the point of reading, don't misunderstand me, but the stuff was foreign. I took all that for 12 years of my academic career and now people are complaining about taking one semester of literature that deviates from "the classic" definition of literature. Who are these people kidding?

No, race, class, gender and sexual orientation should not be standards by which to determine the value of writing, but neither

our dismay, the sign on the door said that they were closed. This shouldn't have bothered me because it was Saturday and the bookstore always closes at 4 p.m. on Saturdays. I guess I just thought that the bookstore would remain open on the weekend where our school became older than almost everything I can think of. GW is actually about 25 years older than the state of Texas. I guess the bookstore doesn't have as much pride as Texas.

The topper was when I came down this past weekend to visit my girlfriend. We watched GW beat the No. 1 team in the nation (again) and were really excited just like everyone else on campus. After the game, guess what we did. We went to the bookstore. And wouldn't you know it — the darn thing was closed. It wasn't a shock but it doesn't make sense.

At GW we rank with the best. Our education is first rate, our faculty is versatile and our basketball team is a source of pride. But as we watched our victory Sunday, a friend asked me why the UMass fans all seemed to be wearing their school colors at the game. She said that GW fans never seem to be that decked out when the Colonials play at the Smith Center.

It must be because the bookstore is always closed.

— Jordan Bitterman is a 1994 graduate of the School of Business and Public Management.

should the use of vulgarity be such a determinant. Literature that tells it like it is can only be brilliant if it can depict a society such as ours. These are voices that need to be heard.

Secondly, my English class on that Tuesday was a real crack-up. It was as if everyone, excluding myself, was walking on eggshells. The problem — one I did not have — was that people seemed to want to express their opinions while trying to be P.C., but at the same time, trying not to be too P.C., which all of a sudden isn't so cool anymore. All this P.C. bullshit has pushed society to a point where the tension is so heavy it can tip this imaginary balance it seems to have. We are all walking on eggshells for fear of offending one another.

For God's sake, it's great to have an opinion and to be able to express it freely. Hey, it's legal, but don't expect it to go unchallenged and don't even be surprised if it is sometimes met with anger, as is the case here. I only wish everyone in my class had said what they truly felt, as did Nick Wilder in his "entertaining" article.

— Deniece Hopkins, freshman

Ambassador says Ukraine is on the rebound

BY LESLIE SANCHEZ
HATCHET REPORTER

Allegations made by the Los Angeles Times that the Ukrainian government was involved in supplying planes to Colombian drug traffickers are "totally groundless" Ukrainian Ambassador Yuri Shcherbak said during a speech at

the Marvin Center Thursday.

The comments came during a lecture highlighting Ukrainian development of public institutions and recent economic reforms that was sponsored by the Elliott School of International Affairs' Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies.

"Today we may say that many of

these facts have been distorted because the accusations about the Ukrainian government are totally groundless," Shcherbak said. The Ukrainian government is considering the possibility of filing a lawsuit against the Times as a result of the article.

On Feb. 20, the first day of Ukrainian President Leonid

Kuchma's visit to the United States, the Times printed a front-page article claiming the Ukrainian government, through its state-owned aircraft factory, was "engaged in a series of business deals with Colombian cocaine cartels, selling and leasing a small fleet of Soviet-designed military cargo planes to drug traffickers."

President Clinton and Kuchma agreed to launch a special investigation into the issue, and Kuchma promised to write a letter to Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, Shcherbak said.

This response comes at a critical time, considering the Clinton administration's recent commitment to continue economic support to the Ukraine and its attempt to strengthen U.S.-Ukraine relations.

The Ukraine has been a country plagued by severe economic troubles since claiming independence from the Soviet Union nearly five years ago. In its short, but crucial history of independence, the Ukraine has made substantial progress in establishing a new nation based on democracy and pluralism, the ambassador said.

The first steps toward democracy include instituting human rights such as freedom of speech, press and religion, he said. There is also the right to form, or be a member of, any political party. During the last four years Ukrainians have taken advantage of these newfound freedoms and formed hundreds of political parties. One of the more exotic parties is the party of "beer lovers."

More importantly, Shcherbak

said "the Ukraine is proud to state there are no ethnic conflicts in our country," even with over 100 ethnic groups present.

"The economic crisis in the Ukraine is gradually running out of its potential," Shcherbak said. It was necessary to use "war prices," especially in the energy sector where inflation was over 10,000 percent. The national income in the Ukraine declined by 26 percent in 1994. It fell by 39 percent in 1993.

A year after announcing budget reforms, the deficit shrunk to seven percent of the gross domestic product. As a result, the Ukraine accumulated close to \$2.5 billion in hard currency. For the first time in 10 years the inflation rate is stable, he said.

There was a dramatic increase in privatization, with more than 20,000 employers hiring more than four million people.

A new constitution is being drafted to include a form of government represented by a president and parliament. The president will also serve as head of state. There will be a two-chamber structure in the Parliament: the lower chamber of Deputies and the upper chamber, or Senate.

"I believe this year we will witness the adoption of a new constitution ... and guarantee progress of democratic reform and building a civil society," Shcherbak said.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, whose family descends from Odessa in the Ukraine, and Ambassador Shcherbak are scheduled to meet March 5.

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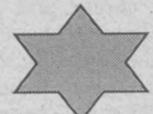
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D.C. NEWS

D.C. BRIEFS

Senator, city may have come to terms on police

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) has softened his tone on a proposal to give Congress more control over Metropolitan Police after city leaders complained such action would compromise home rule.

Hatch, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, suggested turning over control of the city's police force to a congressionally-appointed committee. But after discussion Friday with congressional Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) and Police Chief Larry Soulsby, Hatch said only that he would continue to fight for more money and resources for the department.

"I found the meeting was not only productive, but cordial," Norton said. The group discussed getting U.S. Park Police and other special police forces in the city to do more neighborhood patrols and assist MPD officers.

Soulsby has repeatedly said that MPD needs more money, not more oversight. "I have a city administrator, the mayor, the D.C. Council ... a control board, a Congress, a president," he said. "What I need is money."

City leaders to visit GW Monday

D.C. Councilmember Jack Evans (D-Ward 2) and city representative John Capozzi are scheduled to come to campus Monday evening to discuss community relations and other issues with students and area residents.

Evans is also expected to discuss his pending parking bill, which would eliminate reciprocity stickers for out-of-state students and others residing temporarily in the District. A number of student advocates have opposed the bill, saying it imposes unfair financial requirements and might force students to give up residency in their home state in order to register a car here.

The meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the Marvin Center room 414. Refreshments will be served.

COOL needs help for upcoming conference

GW's chapter of the Community Outreach Opportunity League is seeking a number of volunteers to help coordinate its upcoming conference to be held at the University March 21-24.

Students interested in volunteering their efforts at the conference should stop by the Marvin Center room 205, or e-mail COOL at coolconf@gwis2.

-Donna Brutkoski

Consortium incorporates; vows to fight parking bill

GW student will lead lobbying effort aimed at Evans

BY TARA TAMARIBUCHI
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

An organization of students representing colleges and universities in the District passed a resolution to become incorporated last Sunday at Mount Vernon College.

They also continued talks about discouraging a District councilmember from proposing that students who keep their cars in the city must register them here and get a D.C. drivers' license.

The District of Columbia Capital Consortium, made up of 10 schools within the city, agreed to become incorporated at their second official meeting. Last month's meeting at Howard University was the first official meeting, after representatives from the various schools had held unofficial organizational meetings since September.

Led by Chair Richard Sheehey, a GW student, the DCCC will become a non-profit organization advocating student interests in the city.

"We want to give it a future," Sheehey said, explaining that there used to be a similar student organization in the city, the Capital Consortium, which fell apart because it lacked an establishment.

The eight schools present - Georgetown University, American University, Catholic University, Mount Vernon College, Corcoran School of Art, Trinity College and GW - also discussed how to dissuade D.C. councilmember Jack Evans (D-Ward 2) from backing a proposal that would eliminate reciprocity parking agreements with other states.

These agreements now allow residents to park on

the streets of the District, at least temporarily, without registering their cars here.

Evans - who represents Ward 2, including Georgetown and Foggy Bottom - is expected to be at GW Monday to talk more to students and area residents about the parking proposal. GW freshman Liza Ackerman, chair of the DCCC's parking concerns committee, will lead the group lobbying him to reconsider his proposal.

Sheehey said the requirement to have a District driver's license is of particular concern because it could jeopardize the residency of students in certain states. Students might not be able to vote for their governor, state propositions and representatives in Congress, and could lose scholarships and grants from their state and local communities.

In addition, students would have to pay D.C. taxes on their car, as well as a 6 percent excise tax in order to register the car here.

Evans and other proponents of the proposal say it would lessen parking problems in crowded city neighborhoods such as Foggy Bottom. But student advocates and University officials have suggested over the past several weeks that the bill is aimed against students and may be a ploy to aid Evans' campaign efforts as he runs for another term.

In other DCCC news, the group is considering adding the Corcoran School of Art to the D.C. Library Consortium. Member schools of the library consortium would have access to Corcoran's library, while Corcoran faculty and students would have access to the other libraries in the consortium.

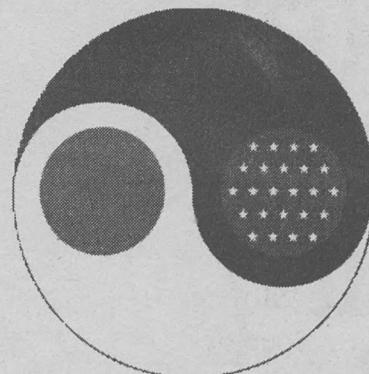
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Step into Healthy Living

Monday

Step Aerobic Demo by the Skyline Cubs Demo Team
12:30-1:00pm Marvin Center Terrace
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Healthy Eating at GW, Learn how to eat healthy at J Street
2:00-3:00pm The Letterman's Room, Smith Center

Tuesday

Managing Stress Through Art with Anne Mills
University Counseling Center
2:30-5:00pm at Hillel, 23rd & H Street

"They're just passed out, right?" Alcohol Poisoning Program
with EMS Student Organization
8:00pm Adams Hall

Wednesday

"Be Buff not Blue" (Men's Strength Training)
6:00pm The Letterman's Room, Smith Center

W.O.W. (Women on Weights)
7:00pm The Letterman's Room, Smith Center

Pre-Party of Five Party "He Said/She Said" with PET Theater
7:00pm Thurston Hall
FREE T-SHIRT GIVEAWAYS...Must be present to win!

Health and Wellness
fuels week of events

BY MONIQUE L. HARDING
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Beginning this week the Health and Wellness program will participate in a nationally recognized collegiate week dedicated to a host of subjects including raising awareness about AIDS/HIV testing, drinking and driving and managing stress.

Connie Peyton, substance abuse prevention coordinator, said holding Health and Wellness week now offers students "issues to think about before they go on spring break. It used to be drug awareness week (but we) thought there were more issues to be aware of."

On Monday, events include a step aerobic demonstration and a healthy eating program. The step aerobic demonstration will be performed by Skyline Club Demo Team on the Marvin Center Terrace from 12:30 to 1 p.m. during which a contest will be held to win a step.

"Healthy Eating at GW" will be held in the Letterman Room of the Smith Center from 2 to 3 p.m. It is designed to teach students how to eat healthy at J Street.

Tuesday's programs concern the management of stress and alcohol poisoning. "Managing Stress Through Art" will be held in Hillel from 2:30 to 5 p.m. and will feature speaker Anne Mills of the University Counseling Center. The program on alcohol poisoning will

be held in Adams Hall at 8 p.m.

Weight training for men and women will be Wednesday's theme. At 6 p.m., the program will cater to men and at 7 p.m. it will be geared to women. Both will be held in the Letterman Room of the Smith Center. A "Party of Five" viewing in Thurston will give students a chance to win T-shirts that evening.

Free cooking samples will be available in Riverside Cafe during a vegetarian cooking demonstration on Thursday with Gail Naftalian. This program is co-sponsored by the Colonial Herbivores.

Kayaking lessons will be held in the Smith Center pool Friday at 9 p.m. and a mixer at the Riverside Cafe will be held for the Interfraternity Council's and the Panhellenic Association's new members.

The closing day, Saturday, will offer opportunities for students to get rollerblading lessons from Natural High from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Smith Center. It also gives students a chance to win roller blades.

All events are free and open to all GW students. Winners must be present to win any and all contests.

In addition, 800 spring break survival kits complete with condoms, sunscreen, aspirin and information on AIDS and HIV will be distributed in residence halls, J Street and at all Health and Wellness Week events.

National Collegiate Health & Wellness Week

Monday March 4th - Saturday March 9th

Thursday

Vegetarian Cooking Demonstration with Gail Naftalin
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6:00pm Riverside Hall
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Friday

Riverside Cafe - IFC/Panhellenic New Member Mixer
9:00pm Riverside Hall

Free Kayaking Lessons with Natural High
9:00pm - Midnight Smith Center Pool

Saturday

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8:00pm-11:00pm Smith Center
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NEWS BRIEFS

GW disabled students rally to lobby for interests

There are many services offered through the University for those with special needs, however many people think these services are not being taken advantage of because there aren't enough students who know about them.

This problem led GW sophomore Brennan Sullivan to inquire about ways to spread the word about services available to disabled students. Sullivan started a support group for these students to have a special forum for interaction.

"The Disability Resource Association addresses issues students with disabilities face and gives insight as to what the University has to offer," Sullivan said.

Disability Support Services offers many services to those with learning or similar disabilities, such as oral test proctoring and letter writing to professors. Sullivan felt there was a need for more, he said. Activities offered will include study skills subgroups, social events, support groups and more.

This will serve as a way to introduce DSS to students who don't know about it. It will also add depth to the services already offered, he said.

Freshman Alicia Sherman was one of the students who participated in the first meeting last week. "I really enjoyed the meeting. It's a

good way to let us know all the services we can get, and it also helps to be able to talk to other students with the same problems," Sherman said.

"It's a good idea to give people (a voice) who might not otherwise have a sense of belonging," said Jim Duncan, vice president of the new organization.

So far student response has been positive. "There was a good reaction at the meeting. Everyone seemed to open up and relate to each other's problems," Sullivan said.

Students to bring Pakistani Ambassador to campus

The GW Pakistani Students Association will welcome Dr. Maleeha Lodhi, Pakistani Ambassador to the United States, to the Marvin Center Monday night.

Lodhi will speak on the future of U.S.-Pakistani relations from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Marvin Center Ballroom. Admission is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested.

Lodhi, the first woman in Asia to become editor of daily newspaper, was selected in 1994 by Time magazine in as one of 100 people who would help shape the world in the 21st century.

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-Kevin Eckstrom and Jaime Harris

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Jury fails to indict UT campus spirit club

(CPS) - A jury failed to indict a University of Texas spirit group in connection with the drowning death last year of a pledge.

Gabe Higgins, 19, was attending a Texas Cowboys initiation picnic when he drowned. The Bastrop County Sheriff's Department began investigating his death after his fully clothed body, including boots, was pulled April 29 from the Colorado River. An autopsy revealed Higgins had a blood-alcohol level twice the legal limit for driving.

The Cowboys faced possible state charges on hazing.

In Texas, hazing is defined as any type of physical brutality, dangerous physical activity, acts of intimidation or any activity that may induce or require a student to perform a violation of the state penal code. Criminal penalties can result in fines up to \$10,000 and 90 years' jail time.

A university investigation found that Higgins' death was a hazing case and that pledges were encouraged to drink. The Cowboys were suspended from campus for five years and lost the right to fire the cannon at Longhorn football games.

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Kelsey Grammer's Lt. Cmdr. Dodge uses the deck of a submarine as a driving range in *Down Periscope*.

Look *Down Periscope* to see typical campy movie

BY TRYG OLSEN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

There's a typical kind of movie that's made every once in a while. It contains the quasi-juvenile humor my dad calls "campy." It's about a bunch of misfits with one star as their leader, and they have a one-in-a-million shot to do something.

The latest movie of this genre is *Down Periscope* (20th Century Fox). "Frasier" star Kelsey Grammer is Lt. Cmdr. Tom Dodge, a maverick submarine officer in line for his first command.

The selection committee thinks Dodge is too risky to reward with a command (the tattoo on his genitals being the biggest reason). Adm. Graham, played by Bruce Dern, is the head of the dissenters.

Fortunately for Dodge, Adm. Winslow (Rip Torn) is in his corner, so Dodge gets command of the USS

Stingray. The *Stingray* is a rusted out diesel sub from WWII. Its crew isn't in much better shape.

Rob Schneider of "Saturday Night Live" fame plays Dodge's Executive Officer Martin Pascal. Schneider is loud and obnoxious, and he annoys not only the crew but everyone in the theater as well.

Of course, as in all such campy movies, there's a blond bombshell that the crew lusts after. Lauren Holly (*Dumb and Dumber*) fulfills the stereotype, playing Emily Lake, the Navy's first female naval sub officer. Both Holly and Schneider have seen better days than in *Down Periscope*.

Once the *Stingray* is cleaned up, the crew's mission is revealed: Capture the Charleston, S.C., harbor and take the naval harbor at Norfolk, Va., as well. Dodge and the *Stingray* are being tested by the Navy to see how dangerous one old sub can be to the United States.

This is the one-in-a-million chance.

The *Stingray*, by some fluke of incredible proportions, takes Charleston by pretending to be a fishing boat and singing "Louie, Louie" to confuse the enemy radar.

The ending is predictable and campy, just like the rest of the movie. Most of the humor is pretty juvenile, such as when the *Stingray*'s cook gives away the sub's position with his flatulence, and Dodge makes Pascal walk the plank after a failed mutiny attempt.

Overall, *Down Periscope* is worth \$7, even if just to see Grammer's exemplary performance. He tries to make the movie more real.

If you go, make sure to stay for the special video shown during the credits. The Village People remake their 1970s hit "In The Navy." It's a perfect campy ending to a perfect campy movie.

To be Frank, ex-Pixie Black's new album gets lost in space

BY JOSEF NOVOTNY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

He's no longer Black Francis, but Frank Black. He's not with his old band, the Pixies, but with a new line-up. He's got a new album, a new record label, but not a new sound.

Black (also known as Charles Thompson) gave listeners blissfully abstract music as a member of the Pixies. Along with Kim Deal, Black created some of the most tuneful pop gems ever to be released. Some may argue this, but songs like "Debaser," "Alec Eiffel" and "Where is My Mind?" will always remain classics in the heart of any Pixies fan.

That being said, Black's new album *The Cult of Ray* (American) is somewhat of a disappointment. Black is a terrific songwriter, but his new album lacks the luster that his previous albums have. He appears to be treading water here, his sound becoming stagnant. *The Cult of Ray* sounds especially flat when compared to 1994's *Teenager of the Year*, Black's best work since the Pixies' *Trompe Le Monde*.

The new album begins with "The Marsist," an odd-ball scrap of feedback and noise. The formula might have worked on the song "Whatever Happened to Pong," but not this time around.

Other songs such as "Jesus Was Right" are rock clichés. The guitars don't sound like those of an eccentric futuristic rock star, but rather like some cheeseball high school band. Black's topics are getting a bit tiresome, too. He has always been big on aliens, UFOs and other-worldly phenomena, and tries to give *The Cult of Ray* a sort of space-age aura.

The Cult of Ray does have a few good songs on it. "Kicked in the Taco," "Men in Black" and "Dance War" are all upbeat rock songs. "I Don't Want to Hurt You" is a mellow love song, and despite the title it does not make you want to throw up.

Black shows he still has some good ideas left, although he is in a bit of a creative slump. Perhaps the best song on the album is the last one, "The Last Stand of Shazeb Andleeb." It features a spectacular guitar solo, one that will be even better when performed live. Black performs at the 9:30 Club later this month.

Bosstones' Dickie speaks out on ska going mainstream

BY HEATHER HARE
HATCHET REPORTER

"(P)laid really represents our music well," says Dickie Barrett, lead singer for the Mighty Mighty Bosstones. "It's an assault on your sense of sight much the way our music is an assault on your sense of hearing."

Yet Dickie and the other members of the band did not don their signature plaid for their performance at the University of Maryland Thursday night, opting instead for dark suits. The audience of more than 300 looked the part of dedicated ska fans, many wearing polyester and chains on their pants.

The Bosstones demonstrated their diverse influences in the show, from Dickie's favorite local D.C. band Minor Threat to Bob Marley. They also played some new material that will be appearing on the Bosstones' upcoming album. Dickie said the Bosstones are taking their time with this album, hoping to capture all aspects of the ska scene.

"It's either going to be good or an over-thought piece of crap," he said. Either way, though, he said it would be another Bosstones album fans should eagerly await.

Dickie said he has mixed feelings on ska going mainstream. "I like my favorite bands to be kind of my own – keep it personal. But on the same stroke, I'm in a band and I want as many people to hear what we're doing because I think we're doing good things."

Ben Carr danced on stage while the band played songs from many of its albums. The songs included everything from the obscure "Chocolate Pudding" to the popular "Simmer Down."

The Bouncing Souls opened the evening with a style that leaned more toward hardcore than ska, but the Berkeley, Calif., Dancehall Crashers were definitely ska.

The group's female vocalists were a refreshing change from the male-dominated scene. They brought femininity to the stage as much as they could, wearing dresses and doing what one middle-aged concert-goer referred to as "something like kick-boxing."

Skinny Puppy's demise documented on album

BY JOSEF NOVOTNY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Industrial music has tried to weave its way into mainstream rock over the past few years.

Nine Inch Nails' 1991 Lollapalooza performances are now legendary and have since catapulted NIN to mega-stardom.

Other industrial bands such as KMFDM, Lords of Acid, My Life With the Thrill Kill Kult and Skinny Puppy have focused on violence, drugs, sex and other topics that were once taboo. They have now become synonymous with industrial sound.

Native Canadians Skinny Puppy have been around since 1983, and they were pioneers in industrial music. Skinny Puppy's latest release is *The Process* (American). *The Process* will be the last Skinny Puppy album ever released.

It documents the turmoil, disaster and difficulty the band underwent as it tried to finish its last and most accessible piece of work. Skinny Puppy's members endured an earthquake, the 1993 Malibu, Calif., fires and personal differences with lead vocalist Ogre to make *The Process*.

Ogre quit the band during the recording of the album and a drug overdose has since claimed the life of keyboardist Dwayne Goettel. In a tribute to Goettel's death, surviving member cEvin Key completed mixing the album late last summer.

The Process is the work of a band that was hitting its stride. The album starts off with aggres-

sive bursts of noise combined with melancholy darkness, but immediately follows it with the manic thrill of "Death." The listener is crushed by an avalanche of samples, deep bass and distorted rhythms.

Any opinions that Skinny Puppy was abandoning industrial music will be erased by this song. The group also added more elements of techno to its music on this album, giving it a whole new vocabulary.

For anyone craving industrial music, *The Process* won't disappoint. "Hardset Head" is right up there with KMFDM's "Flesh" in terms of ferocity. But the melody in some of the songs on the album may shock a few die-hard Skinny Puppy fans, especially when compared with its previous album *Last Rites* (Capitol).

The Process explores dark themes and sounds, especially on songs such as "Curcible." The album's exciting and riveting moments make up for the few moments when the band sounds as if it is trying to get its instruments started, but they just cough and sputter like a rusty Honda on a cold winter morning.

Percussionist cEvin Key wanted rich textures and sounds on this album. "To go from *Last Rites* to something else was going to be a challenge no matter what. But I certainly didn't think it would end this way. I'm sorry it did," he said in a press release. Most Skinny Puppy fans will be sorry as well, because *The Process* is the work of a band at a musical peak.

SPOTLIGHT

University Mediators handle all problems

Campus group helps with disputes among friends, foes and roommates

BY STEPHANIE LASH
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The University Mediators often find themselves caught in the middle of a war zone.

They have interposed their resolution suggestions in hundreds of struggles, from simple conflicts among roommates to all-out battles between student organizations.

They have been in the voices of reason in whole-floor resident hall disputes and have attempted to bring peace to feuding Greek-letter organizations. And they like it.

The group of nine students was formed three years ago by Coordinator Karin Jones, who recognized a need for a mediation team to solve conflicts on campus. As a coun-

"People don't know how to listen,"

**University mediator
Sarah Poskanzer**

stress that the solutions are determined by the arguing parties and not imposed by mediators.

Mediator Dan Stern explained that communication is the essential ingredient to solving any disagreement. He said the outlined the goal of the group is simply to "teach the basic methods of communication. It's a structured way to work through a dispute."

Many times, the problem is communication, and the understanding of that skill has helped both the mediators and the parties involved in arguments.

"People don't know how to listen," mediator Sarah Poskanzer said.

The group works with litigants so that everything is understood and out in the open, ready for discussion. The mediation is non-judicial, so no punishments can come from the consequences. It is also completely voluntary and confidential, and Jones noted that some of their cases are referred to the mediators by University judicial bodies as an alternative solution.

Cases brought before the group that are beyond the mediation point, such as those needing counseling or legal charges or involvement, are then dismissed. But these are few, and the group has mediated in many diverse interpersonal conflicts.

While most of the conflicts come from the residence hall system, the group also sees people involved in relationships, entire groups of students in organizations and faculty and staff. Mediator Moryma Alderlot said that the results are not just a benefit those solving their own conflicts. "It's nice to see how you can have a positive effect," she said.

Jones noted that the undergraduate and graduate students who comprise the board are "excellent examples of student leadership," who work with no budget and very little recognition.

In an attempt to become a more recognizable group on campus, the mediators have distributed cups and fliers and are planning to be present at the all-housing lottery for on-site dispute resolution should emotions flare during the heat of the room search.

They are working to become more established within the University and are now accepting applications for the program.

School of 1696 can teach anyone to be a musketeer

Maryland school holds yearly workshops in piracy

BY MONIQUE L. HARDING
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Off Route 4 in Upper Marlboro, Md., you can find a historical landmark that was constructed between 1694 and 1713. It's called Darnall's Chance and it's one of the oldest estates in the Washington area.

Once a year, the School of Musketeer, cosponsored by the Maryland Capital Park and Planning Commission, holds an event at Darnall's Chance to retell the history of the 17th century.

This year the pirate university, also known as School of 1696, is also celebrating Prince George's County Maryland's Tricentennial.

Three events entitled civil track, military track and piracy track perform events simultaneously once an hour.

The civil track offers an overview of civil life during the expansion of the American colonies. It features events such as period dress and fashion (1600-1750); theatrical fencing and how it's done; cooking trends and a cooking demonstration; a tour of Darnall's Chance; a history lesson of Prince George's County and period games.

The military track features small-sword dueling techniques.

The piracy track includes flintlock and wheelock pistol shooting; pirate communication skills; cutlass and belaying pin.

Both the military and piracy tracks feature musket (matchlock, firelock and plug bayonet) and pike drills. Muskets are guns that fire one bullet at a time and smoke after they are used.

All tracks feature a participatory overview and hands-on instruction. Instructors and participants actually fire real bullets from muskets and duel with two-foot long wooden sticks - fencing against partners.

The members of the School of 1696 wear clothing from the era, ranging from pirate costumes to pike men to musketeers to captains. Even some of the par-

ticipants come in costume for the full-day program of historical and cultural events.

Each event welcomes questions from the participants. School of 1696 member Ambrose Hawk explains that, "pike men protected musketeers."

The period dress and fashion includes a discussion of the costumes worn under the rule of kings and queens. The talk covers the evolution of costume from men's and women's hairstyles; women's headdresses; men's shoes; men's jackets and how they changed their posture to women's dresses and much more.

Women's dresses, called petticoats, got a lower cut in the front as time went on, and their skirts were worn in theater drapes that were pulled up to the back. Men and women both wore lace on their collars and cuffs. For men, buttons not meant to be buttoned and bows were a decorative element. Men also wore hose tied below their knees.

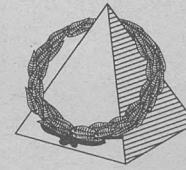
Theatrical fencing addresses different types of dueling including the nine positions used to protect the entire body, as well as techniques in fighting without weapons.

There are several types of dueling: first-blood dueling involves fighting until one person bleeds. The one left not bleeding is the winner. A German type of dueling, Scholger, is a fight in which both duelers try to cut the other on the face.

Cooking trends include a demonstration of salmagundi, hardtrack (flour, salt and water), grog (rum and water add lime to taste) and jerky (pork or beef marinated for 24 hours, then smoked for 8 to 12 hours).

Salmagundi is a sweet and salty mixture usually served in a mold. Leafy green vegetables, chicken poached in water, wine, garlic and parsley are combined with lemon, cucumbers and capers. It is colorful and attractive as well as tasty.

Hawk also said that in England, they did not keep slaves. Instead, they had indentured servants who were paid. The servants, who had to be literate, waited on the prestigious Englishmen and did not fight in the civil wars.



THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY Excellence in Student Life Awards April 18 • 1996 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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MARCH 4-10

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175th Anniversary Events

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Academic Program: Prince William Sound After the Exxon Valdez: How Safe is Safe Enough? with Dr. John Harrald, 3-5pm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Opening reception for Washington Photography, Old and New, Dimmock Gallery. Exhibit runs through March 27.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Urban Visions: Photography of the City, Colonnade Gallery through March 29.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Tour of Historic Foggy bottom, Visitor's Center, 11:30am.

A "Cannonball" Adderly Celebration featuring Vanessa Rubin, Antonio Hart, Cecil Bridgewater, and orchestra.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

GW Jazz Festival, Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, 7:30pm.



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MONDAY, MARCH 4

Step aerobics demo, Marvin Center Terrace, 12:30-1pm. Info, Connie Peyton, 994-1478.

Healthy Eating at GW, Smith Center Letterman's Room, 2-3pm. Info, Connie Peyton, 994-1478.

Summer Options, Career Center, Academic Center T-509, 4-5:30pm. Info, 994-6495.

Pakistani Ambassador's Lecture: The Future of Pakistan and US Relations, Marvin Center Ballroom, 6:30pm, rsvp required. Info, Huma Abedin, 337-5056.

GW Academic Success Series: get organized, Thurston Piano lounge, 3:30-5pm. Info, 994-6550.

Minority/International Student Association Forum, Marvin Center 413, 8pm. Info, Autumn, 994-9436.

Purim Celebration, Hillel, Megillah Conservative Reading, 7pm, Megillah Reform Reading, 7:30pm, 9pm, party. Info, Michael Bantzman, 296-8873.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Letters & Resumes Part I, Career Center, Academic Center T-509, 1-2:30pm. Info, 994-6495.

Managing Stress Through Art, Hillel, 2:30-5pm. Info, Connie Peyton, 994-1478.

Study Abroad general info session, Stuart Hall B02, 3pm. Info, 994-1649.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Prime Time, Marvin Center 403, 8pm. Info, Jeremy Cook, 676-2456.

They're Just Passed Out, Right? warning signs and interventions for alcohol poisoning, Adams Hall, 8pm, Info, Connie Peyton, 994-1478.

Choice First meeting, Marvin Center 411, 8pm. Info, Karen, 676-2064.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Human Right, the World's best Chance by George Lisner, Marvin Center 415, 12-2pm, soda and pizza provided. Info, 997-7050.

GW Academic Success Series: score higher on tests II, University Counseling Center, 718 21st St., 4:10-5:30pm. Info, 994-6550.

Co-op Orientation, Career Center, Academic Center T-509, 5-6pm. Info, 994-6495.

Be Buff Not Blue, weight and strength training techniques, Smith Center Letterman's Room, 6pm. Info, Connie Peyton, 994-1478.

Pre-Party of Five Party, Thurston Hall, 7pm. Info, Connie Peyton, 994-1278.

W.O.W. Women on Weights, Smith Center Letterman's Room, 7pm. Info, Connie Peyton, 994-1478.

Film Audre Lorde: A Litany for Survival, Marvin Center Ballroom, 7:30pm. Info, 994-9585.

National Society of Collegiate Scholars, new member induction, Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, 8pm. Info, Matt 994-9542.

University Symposium with James Fallows, Funger 108, 8pm. Info, 994-6816.

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MARCH 4-10

Class of 1996 meeting Marvin Center 404, 8pm. Info, Chava Sladek, 994-6710.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Beaver College Study Abroad info session, Stuart Hall B02, 3pm. Info, 994-1649.

Study Abroad general info session, Stuart Hall B02, 3:30pm. Info, 994-1649.

Create Community, University Counseling Center art studio, 718 21st St., 4-5pm. Info, 994-6550.

The Role of Hypertext in Scholarly Communication, with George Landaw, Gelman Library 202, 4-6pm. Info, Scott Stelman 994-6457.

Come to Your Senses, free art-based program, University Counseling Center, 718 21st St., 4-5pm. Info, 994-6550.

International Coffee Hour, Building D ISS Lounge (101), 5-8pm. Info, Danpats, Mwesigwa, 994-6864.

Vegetarian Cooking demonstration, Riverside Hall, 6pm. Info, Connie Peyton, 994-1478.

Employer Info Session, Capital One, Career Center, Academic Center T-509, 6:30-8pm. Info, 994-6495.

St. George Orthodox Christian Fellowship meeting, Marvin Center 402, 6:30pm. Info, Elias Jweied, 333-1677.

Employer Info Session, Pen Com, Career Center, Academic Center T-509, 7-8pm. Info, 994-6495.

Networking: Young Black Professionals in the Workplace, Marvin Center 405, 7:30pm. Info, 994-9703.

Guest Speaker, David Hirschmann, Director Latin American Affairs, US Chamber of Commerce, Marvin Center 415, 7:30-8:45pm. Info, 994-8177.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Living with Loss Support Group, University Counseling Center, 718 21st St., 9-10:30am. Info, 994-6550.

Journalistic Values in the New Media, Brian Lamb, Chairman and CEO of C-Span, Marvin Center Ballroom, 10:30am. Info, 994-6227.

Green University Outreach Committee meeting, Rice Hall sixth floor conference room, 12:30-1:30pm. Info, 994-7387.

MBA Happy Hour, Tequila Grill, 5pm. Info, 994-8177.

Riverside Cafe, Riverside Hall, 9pm. Info, Connie Peyton, 994-1478.

Kayaking lessons, Smith Center pool, 9pm. Info, Connie Peyton, 994-1468.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

RollerBlading, Smith Center, 8-11pm. Info, Connie Peyton, 994-1478.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

BPU Alumni Reception and Fashion Show, Marvin Center Ballroom, 8pm. Info, 997-9703.

Dead Man Walking, Area Theatre. Info, Gwen, 835-8383.

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Winning pairs reveal strange bedfellows

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students. The candidate statement she submitted to The GW Hatchet read that she wanted to make the organization "more accessible to the student body."

Packy Moran said, "The SA suffers from a lack of communication," and said that in the past it has been "elitist" and "distant."

"That's how they've justified the step-ladder they've played with the past few years," he said.

Elizabeth Alexander said that "the SA has a tendency to become a political clique. I've been very frustrated by that. If you're not in the circle, you get frozen out, and that shouldn't be." During a forum, she stated that it hasn't lived up to its potential.

And finally, David Burns said that the SA "too long has been run by people trying to make a name for themselves." In a forum, he said, "I have seen the concerns of the students go unanswered by the SA."

The rhetoric and ideas in the EVP race hit similar notes.

Carroll said he doesn't think the SA is a representative body. He also said he would "change the SA into a group representing all students."

Jared Skok challenged students to "funk the system." At a forum, he said, "The SA has not gotten to know the students by listening."

Only Shawn Stephens did not make improving communication a major plank in his platform, claiming that the EVP is a highly technical position.

Unofficial Tickets

The GW Hatchet's exit poll conducted last Wednesday not only was within the 4.9 percent margin of error for all candidates in the presidential race, it also revealed a surprising popularity of certain combinations, or tickets.

The most popular combination was the McKenna-Gayoski ticket, which could be interpreted as either an "insider" ticket or a ticket combination that came from the two most endorsed candidates.



photo by Tyson Trish

Packy Moran and Jeff Carroll console each other after learning they lost in their campaigns for the Student Association.

The two were endorsed by the Medical School Student Council and the Muslim Students Association. McKenna was also endorsed by The Engineers' Council, the AMSA Pre-Medical student group and The Hatchet.

Another popular combination was Moran-Carroll, two outsider candidates and friends who ran on similar platforms of a different "outsider" attitude and attempted to "shake up the system."

However, a surprising number of Moran voters also supported Gayoski in the second slot, making this an unofficial "cheerleader ticket." Gayoski is a GW cheerleader, and Moran is known among Colonial athletes for attending home games and cheering loudly for almost every GW sports team.

Also surprisingly high was the number of votes that followed the endorsements of the GW College Republicans and the College Democrats. A good chunk of those who voted for Alexander (who was endorsed by both groups) voted for either Stephens (endorsed by the CRs) or Carroll (endorsed by the CDs).

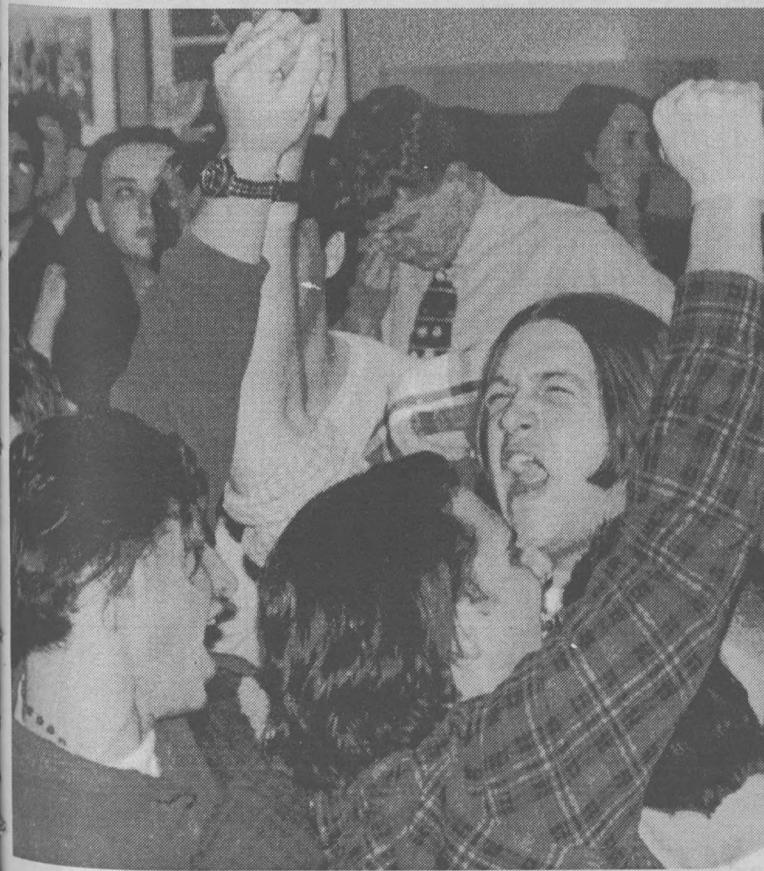


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An excited contingent of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity revel in Damian McKenna's victory in the race for SA president.

Alcohol prevention falling, study finds

(CPS) - Efforts to curb alcohol abuse on college campuses are starting to slip, a new study has found. Although universities worked hard for more than a decade to prevent alcohol abuse among students, research shows their efforts peaked in 1991 and have begun to taper off, possibly because of a lack of funding. "We're finding a downward curve," said Angelo Gadaleta, a West Chester University professor. "Hopefully we can reverse it."

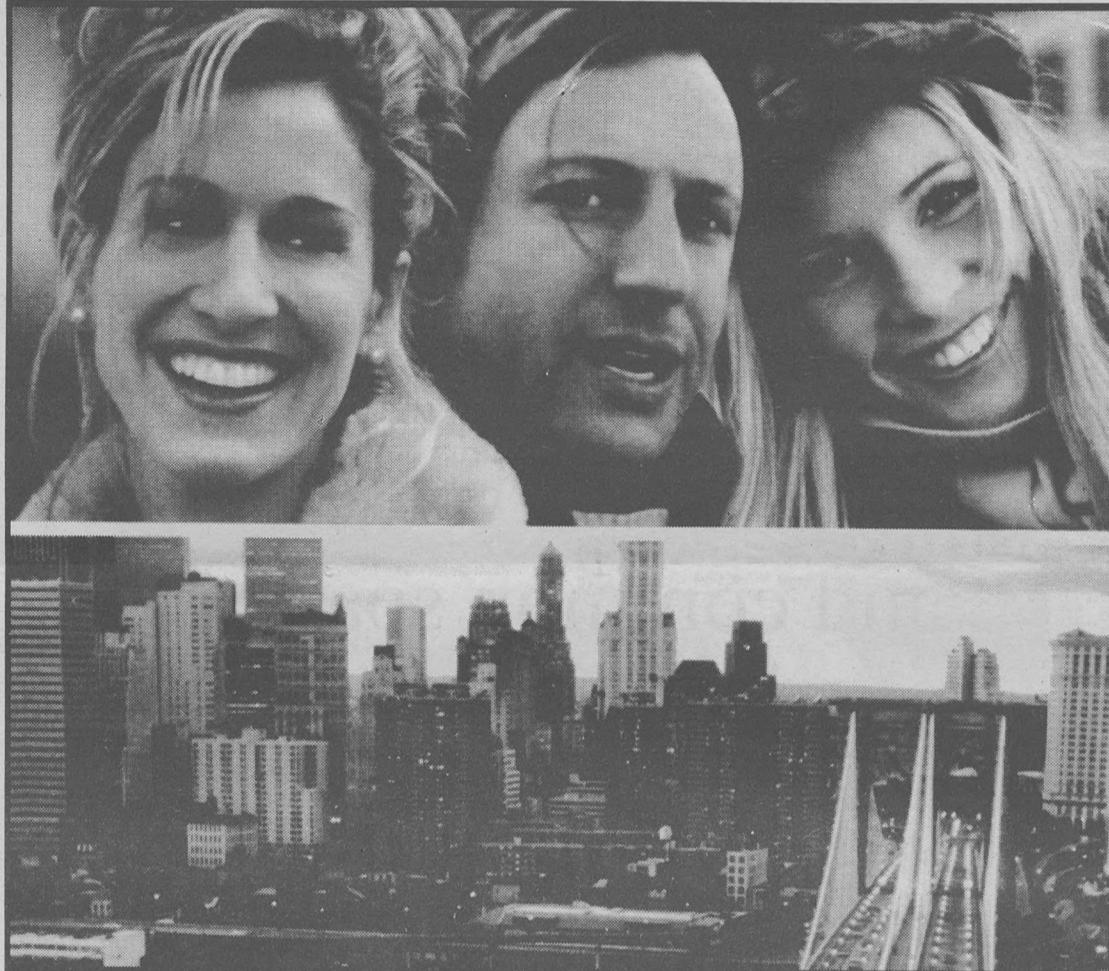
When the study started in 1979, researchers found that only 54 percent of the 330 survey schools required students to serve non-alcoholic drinks at parties. By 1991, the researchers noted significant progress in the colleges' efforts to curb alcohol abuse. About 95 percent of the schools required soda or juice to be served at parties. However, efforts have since begun to drop off slightly, Gadaleta said.

In 1994, Gadaleta found that 37 percent of schools now allowed students to advertise that alcohol would be served at parties. In addition, the number of schools offering group counseling fell to about 59 percent.



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Web site offers tips on repaying loans

Concerned about those student loans piling up, just waiting to be paid once you graduate? Sallie Mae might just have the answer for you.

Sallie Mae, a government organization that coordinates student loans, has recently launched a new web site on the World Wide Web that allows students to begin budgeting their loan payments while still in college.

The site asks detailed information about how many loans have been taken out, expected income and expenses. It then calculates for the student how much he or she

can expect to have to set aside to repay the loans.

The web site also offers graduating seniors information about different repayment options and how to get cheaper student loans.

"It's important to start to plan for future expenses as early as possible, especially when you are considering housing costs and whether or not to take on additional debt," said Lydia Marshall, Sallie Mae executive vice president.

The site can be reached at <http://www.salliemae.com>.

- Kevin Eckstrom

The Marvin Center Governing Board Announces:

Applications for student organization office, storage and common space

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If you have any questions
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Greeks pool resources to make charity splash

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM

NEWS EDITOR

More than 200 members of GW's greek-letter community made waves this weekend by raising \$2,000 for philanthropy during the Delta Gamma sorority's annual "Anchor Splash" contest.

Delta Gamma held the contest between nine different fraternities to raise money for conservation and aid to the blind, Delta Gamma Anchor Splash coordinator Olivia Guballa said.

"It was pretty successful and we had a pretty good turnout," Guballa said. "It was a lot of fun to have all the fraternities turn out."

The two-day event, held Thursday and Saturday nights, raised the money through different contests and entrance fees, Guballa said.

Participating fraternities includ-

ed Alpha Epsilon Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Sigma Kappa.

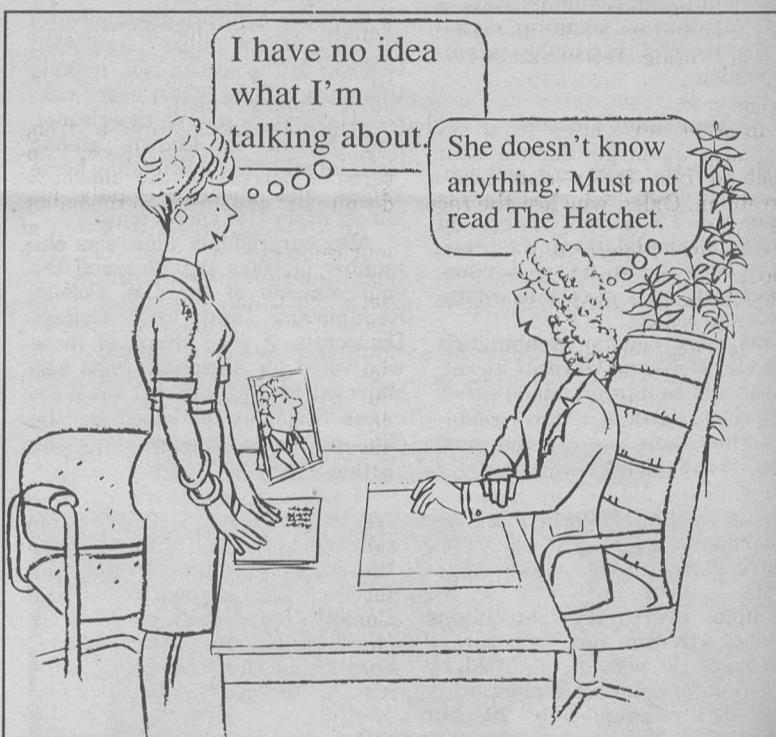
Delta Tau Delta won the contest, with member Chris Sterling, a sophomore, taking home the title of "Mr. Anchor Splash." Phi Kappa Psi won the lip sync contest.

Guballa said money was raised through contests held at the Marvin Center and the Smith Center. One such contest featured a picture of one member from each fraternity and participants could vote for the member with the most beautiful eyes by paying a voting fee.

In addition, a fund-raising drive with coins and dollar bills and a raffle raised money for the contest. Relay races and synchronized swimming routines held in the Smith Center pool held raised additional money, Guballa said.

CORRECTION

The article "Court allows SA Senate candidate back into race" on the front page of the Feb. 29 issue of The GW Hatchet misspelled Matt Zierler's name.





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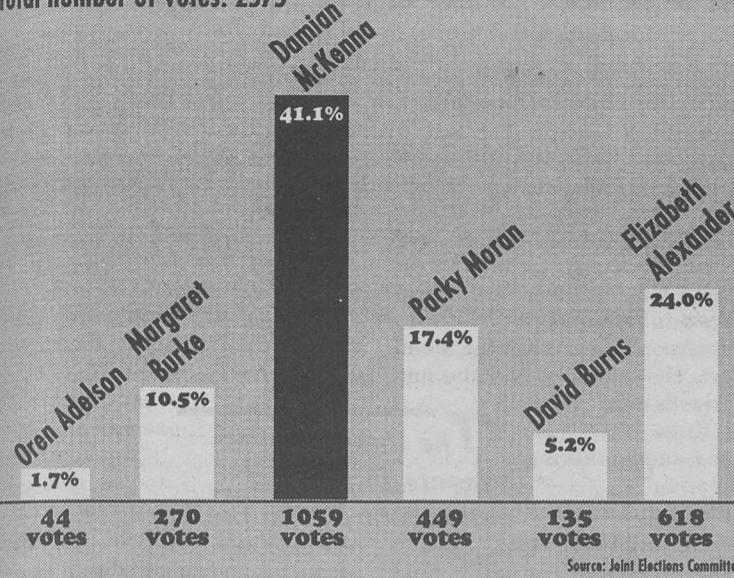
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Student Association President Election Results

Total number of votes: 2575



Campaign sparks high voter turnout

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Jeff Carroll edged Shawn Stephens 21.9 percent to 18.9 percent.

Carroll had his strongest showing in Thurston Hall, capturing nearly 30 percent of the vote. But Gayoski remained strong there as well, pulling ahead at 40 percent. Stephens finished behind Carroll at every voting station except Ross Hall, where he held second place by one vote.

In other key races, the undergraduate at large Senate seats went to Ben Oxley and Shana Greatman. Oxley, who lost the race for EVP last year in a runoff, captured nearly 40 percent of the vote. David Petron finished in third place in the race for two seats, just 100 votes back.

The race for the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences featured 16 candidates shooting for four seats. Although he garnered just 10.5 percent of the splintered vote, Hal Kanefsky won the race. He will be joined on the new Senate by Lance Rothenberg, an incumbent who got reelected, Carrie Potter and a resilient Adam Siple.

Siple overcame tremendous obstacles to even remain a part of the race. He was disqualified by the JEC for missing a mandatory campaign meeting Feb. 20, but

sued the JEC in the Student Court and won a chance to appear on the ballot. The voters responded with 9.6 percent support to elect him to the Senate.

The Elliott School of International Affairs sent Peter Kim and Jason Miller to the Senate with comfortable margins over four other candidates. Incumbent Twinckle Vaidya was ousted from her seat.

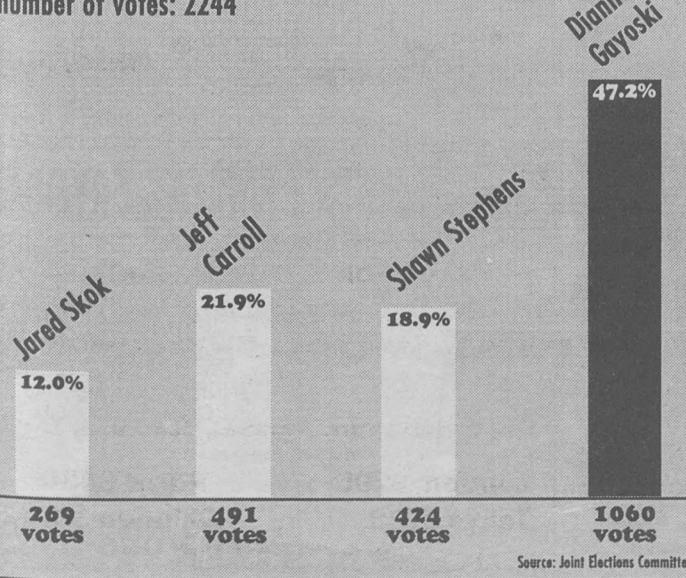
The race also featured a strong write-in vote, as Mark Levin captured 6 percent of the electorate despite not appearing on the ballot.

In addition, voters took aim at four referenda in the election. By a solid margin, voters decided to keep the Cabinet position of vice president for student activities. A similar measure eliminated the position in a referendum last year, but the Student Court struck it down because it said the SA's advertising support was unconstitutional.

Furthermore, voters chose to create a vice presidency for community affairs, as well as switch the SA Constitution to an article format similar to the U.S. Constitution. Finally, students also chose to mandate that senators be enrolled in the school they represent for the duration of their term of office.

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Service, flexibility lost in fiscal fray

(from p. 1)

Sophomore Aydin Hasan, who is also a late-night J Street fan, agreed.

"I'd like to see the (financial) numbers, because people were definitely eating between midnight and 2 a.m.," she said. Hasan said she and her friends go to J Street late at night for the sake of convenience and camaraderie.

Shaller also went for the social aspect. He explained that he and his friends once "spent over three hours just sitting and talking and eating."

"It's a nice atmosphere," he added. "It ruins our community when you take away late night hours."

Though safety and convenience factors surrounding late-night J Street is a rising concern for students, the proposed changes for meal options at J Street, Colonial Commons, and Thurston Hall's cafeteria have posed perhaps more significant problems. These include the increasing price and limited options for students that are required by the University to enroll in the meal plan.

"Everybody has to eat," freshman Nick Bowman said, adding it is unfair that the University wants to restrict students who don't oth-

erwise have options to cook in their residence halls. Because freshman and sophomores living on campus are required to be on the meal plan, it is unfair to limit where and when they can eat, he said. Convenience and choice of food is "what a cafeteria is for," he added.

"I don't feel as though they've made a real effort in meeting student's needs," sophomore Adam Green said. He said he feels there are other ways to cut costs other than restricting service.

"Not being able to use (meals) at J Street is ludicrous," he said. Green said he will probably not enroll in the meal plan next year if the proposed changes are enacted.

ARAMark is paid a flat fee for its service. But according to Dining Services Commission Director Jonathan Pompan, "The University expects to make a hefty profit ... like the bookstore."

**—Jonathan Pompan,
director of the Dining
Services Commission**

He claimed the University is choosing the student-unfriendly option to "reach their goal" of making money. However, he said if enough students fail to enroll in the meal plan next year, the University's profit plan could backfire.

Pompan said the Dining Services Commission has received an "overwhelming response against changes in the meal plan, points partners and new Diner hours."

This response, in the form of numerous e-mails and telephone calls, has vastly outnumbered the response to anything the Commission dealt with recently, including Domino's Pizza's 18 percent surcharge for students using meal plan points, Pompan said.

The University needs to know if students are unhappy about the enacted and proposed changes, he said. The Dining Services Commission e-mail address is gweats@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu.

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— SPORTS —

GW falters in Philadelphia in regular season finale as Hawks rally, 86-82

Despite Rogers 22 points, Colonials fall to St. Joe's; end season at 20-6

BY JIM GERAGHTY
SPORTS EDITOR

Heading into Saturday's showdown with St. Joseph's, GW head coach Mike Jarvis' club had won 18 of their past 21 games, had beaten every other team in the Atlantic 10, was ranked 24th in the country and appeared to be finishing the season on fire and ready for the conference tournament.

But Reggie Townsend (20 points) and Terrell Myers (15 points off the bench) denied GW its best regular season ever, leading the Hawks to an 86-82 upset of the Colonials five days before the beginning of the A-10 postseason.

The Colonials fell despite a Herculean effort from their little man, 5-3 point guard Shawnta Rogers, who scored a career-high 22 points (four three pointers) and added six rebounds and six assists.

"They played better when they had to," Jarvis told The Washington Post. "It would have been different if we had all our weapons and everyone played to the best of their abilities."

The Colonials' loss was especially bitter since the team's offense collapsed after rocketing to an early 28-14 lead in the first half.

GW played shorthanded, without freshman forward J.J. Brade who sat out with a sprained ankle.

The first half looked as if it was going to be a repeat of the Colonials' domination of Massachusetts a week ago. GW jumped to the early lead, and the opposing coach picked up two quick technical fouls and was ejected 11 minutes into the game.

St. Joe's first-year coach Phil Martelli was kicked out of the game after screaming a few choice words about the calls of A-10 officials Jack Hannon, Jim Williamson and John Corio.

But after assistant coach Geoff Arnold took over the coaching duties, the Hawks went on a 13-0 run late in the first half, and GW hobbled into the locker room with a 42-38 lead.

GW's lack of presence in the lane and inability to rebound hindered its performance throughout the game. 7-1 center Alexander Koul finished with only eight rebounds in 32 minutes. Overall, the Colonials were outrebounded 39-27.

St. Joe's Townsend and Will Johnson dominated the boards throughout the game, but they were especially effective in the second half. Townsend had 10



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Shawnta Rogers led the Colonials with a career-high 22 points.

rebounds, and Johnson led the Hawks with 12 (seven in the second half).

The second period was an ugly story for GW. The Colonial offense couldn't utilize any of its normally potent weapons. Senior forward Vaughn Jones, who had 9 points in the first half, shot a cold 1-6 and managed only one basket after the break.

Fellow senior Kwame Evans continued his recent slump and managed to shoot just 2-6 in the second half as well. Evans finished with 12 points and Jones had 11.

The Colonials lost the lead with 9:49 remaining in the game when Johnson hit two free throws. Mark Bass hit a 21-foot jumper to put the Hawks up by four, and GW was then forced to play catch-up for the remainder of the game.

GW actually regained the lead eight minutes later when freshman forward Yegor Mescheriakov, starting in place of Brade, hit two free throws to put GW up by one. Dmitri Domani then had the hot hand in the closing seconds, hitting three free throws and a vital driving layup to keep the lead out of the Colonials' hands.

The loss dumped the Colonials from their first place position in the A-10 western division. The Virginia Tech Hokies will get the

west's first place seed in the tournament.

Both GW and VTU have the same A-10 record, but the Hokies get the higher seed because of a better record among teams in the west division. Tech has lost only to GW, but the Colonials have lost to the Hokies and the La Salle Explorers.

GW will open the A-10 tournament with a quarterfinal game at 9:30 p.m. Thursday against either St. Joe's, La Salle or Duquesne.

GW will take on the winner of the Hawks' competition with Duquesne, the No. 6 team in the west.

This was the Colonials' second loss of the season in Philadelphia, and the team has lost four out of its last five games there.

Their sole victory was an upset win at Temple last year. The Colonials' recent record is an ominous omen for next week's A-

10 tournament, which will be held in the Philadelphia Civic Center, La Salle's home court.

The Colonials ended the regular season at 20-6, 13-3 in the Atlantic 10. Their chances for an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament are still strong, but the loss is likely to knock GW out of the Top 25, where the team was ranked 24th in the nation last week.

Mark My Words Why we hate the City of Brotherly Love

When the Atlantic 10 conference expanded last year, there are some people who held the hope that the new teams would help break the stranglehold the city of Philadelphia has on the league.

Among those were certainly some GW fans. Of course, that comes as no surprise considering the Colonials' frustrating inability to consistently play well there.

But their prayers went unanswered, as not only did Commissioner Linda Bruno move the league's offices to Philly and establish the City of Brotherly Love as official headquarters, but she also granted the city another team: La Salle.

This affront to the GW community was further exacerbated when the conference extended its contract to play the men's basketball championship tournament in Philadelphia.

Thus, it shocked no one when the Colonials failed to win on the road Saturday at St. Joseph's. The Philadelphia school has now beaten GW five straight times at Alumni Memorial Field House.

But the real concern lies in a debilitating trend that threatens to endanger hundreds of GW students next weekend. Everyone planning a fun-filled vacation getaway in Philly to see the men's team play may be in for an extremely short trip. In other words: don't bother with hotel reservations, the bus coming back Thursday night may be the best bet.

That's because the Colonials have lost 10 of the last 13 games they have played in Philly. In addition, they have lost in the A-10 tournament's first round three of the last four years. Their only two trips to the dreaded city this year both resulted in losses.

It's scary really, to think of it. The City of Brotherly Love can't find any room in its heart for George Washington. Maybe the spirits beneath the city are still bitter that the nation moved its capital from there about 200 years ago, even though we all know how great those continental congresses were.

Maybe the ghost of Benjamin Franklin is still mad that GW bought out the university named for him and incorporated it a few years ago, even though it provided the damned finest accounting instruction this side of the IRS.

Or maybe the fact that the Colonials have lost fully 75 percent of their games in Philadelphia since Vaughn Jones and Kwame Evans joined the team is simply to much of a psychological burden to overcome.

In any case, don't bother to pack extra underwear.

—Jared Sher

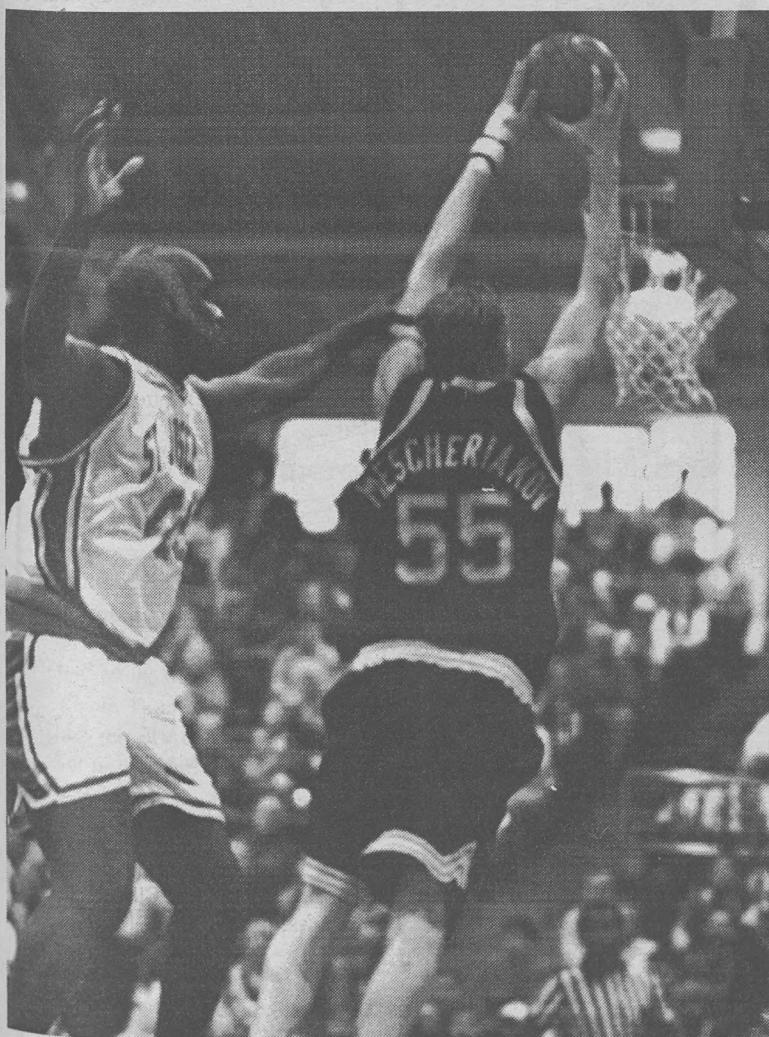


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Yegor Mescheriakov goes up for the slam against St. Joseph's. He started in place of the injured J.J. Brade.

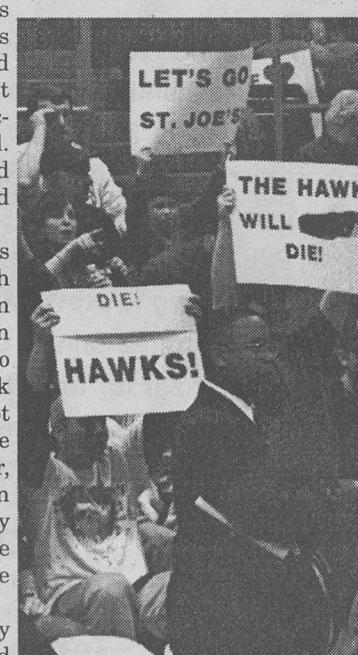


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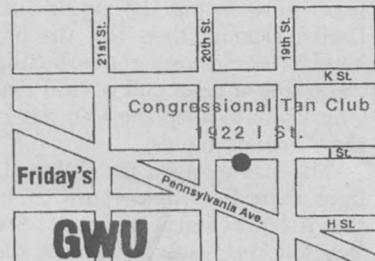
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The GW Columnist

A few choice words for A-10 Commissioner Linda Bruno...

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Welcome to the first virtual reality women's Atlantic 10 basketball tournament.

Not only is rural Blacksburg the most technologically connected community in America, according to USA Today, but it is also the site of the first A-10 championship where fans are strictly prohibited. Not allowed. Verboten.

Instead, GW's and La Salle's faithful will have to rely on ESPN 2 to see a game they can't be expected to drive four hours to Nowheresburg on a Monday night to cheer on in person.

Yes, A-10 Commissioner Linda Bruno and her fellow geography majors in Philadelphia have done it again. The southernmost city in the A-10 has been rewarded with a tournament that rightfully belongs in the city of belly-filler love.

You might recognize Bruno as the woman who stalks press row in maroon suits at GW games against Temple and UMass and looks grouchy when GW wins.

For a minute here, let us give her the benefit of the doubt. Maybe she just really likes maroon. Then again, maybe she clings desperately to the belief that UMass is her gravy train. No wonder she looks so put out when GW puts UMass in its place every year.

Bruno, who was not available for comment because she wasn't at games today, (at least not at the GW game or the first half of the Rhode Island game) decided marginal national exposure on The Deuce (which the technological backwater District of Columbia does not get) would be better than a date and game time than fans could make.

So we're left with an empty Cassell Coliseum, which just isn't going to look good on any TV broadcast. Several of the schools' bands and cheerleaders couldn't even make it here — which is sad, considering this is the only road trip they are allowed to make, thanks to another penny-pinching measure by the league office.

It's time the A-10 asked itself, "What price do we pay for camera time?" As it is now, the 1996 championship will be full of great action, but devoid of spirit — and no one will ever see it.

Good thing the Colonial Women will get an automatic ticket to a better locale Monday night when they win their third straight championship.

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Colonial Women sweep into conference finals

GW goes for third-straight title Monday night on ESPN2

BY MATT BONESTEEL
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

BLACKSBURG, Va. — The Colonial Women advanced to their third straight Atlantic 10 conference championship final with an ugly 59-51 victory over Massachusetts Sunday evening.

How ugly? Here are some examples.

GW shot 30.8 percent for the game, while UMass edged them out by shooting 34.8 percent.

UMass had more turnovers (20) and fouls (19) than field goals (16). GW forward Lei Hard was the only bench player from either team to score. She had three points.

GW center Tajama Abraham was the only Colonial Woman to make a two-point field goal in the first half.

But all was not ugly, especially not the play of Abraham, who finished with a new career-high 29 points while grabbing nine rebounds. She dominated UMass

center Melissa Gurile, who had 10 points before fouling out with 2:09 remaining.

"I knew that if I took away Gurile's heart, I would have the upper hand," Abraham said.

"I am very happy that I have T.J. on my team," said GW head coach Joe McKeown.

UMass even tried to rough Abraham up to stop her. She was forced to go to the bench at one point after falling hard to the floor. "She popped her shoulder out

with nine minutes to go," said McKeown. "About one minute later she said, 'put me back in, coach.' That's how tough she is."

A 10-2 run near the end of the half gave the Colonial Women a nine-point lead with 3:04 left. They led, 26-18 at halftime.

GW increased its lead to 13 with 16:28 left in the game, but UMass fought back, cutting the deficit to 46-44 with 5:29 to play. Consecutive jumpers by Abraham and Myriah Lonergan, however, ended the UMass spurt.

The Colonial Women sealed the game at the foul line, hitting 7-8 down the stretch. They shot 88.9 percent from the line, missing only three of 27 attempts.

UMass coach Joanie O'Brien credited the win to strong play by GW, but also thought the officiating had something to do with it.

"It's amazing that what is a foul on one end isn't a foul on the other end. You just ask for consistency," O'Brien said.

UMass was led by forward Crystal Carroll, who had 15 points and 11 rebounds. Octavia Thomas had 14 points while guard Sabriya Mitchell added 10.

The Colonial Women face La Salle Monday at 5:00 p.m. The game will be televised on ESPN2.

GW 82, Xavier 61

For about seven minutes Saturday afternoon, it looked as if Xavier would give the Colonial Women a game.

With the contest tied at 12 with 12:53 remaining to go in the first half, GW went on a 9-0 run and effectively ended any hopes of a Lady Musketeer upset, eventually winning 82-61.

Abraham proved again why she is an All-American candidate by scoring 23 points. She also grabbed eight rebounds and had three blocks in only 30 minutes of playing time.

Cermignano added 20 points and six rebounds. Myriah Lonergan scored 18 points, while Mandisa Turner had 10.

The Lady Musketeers tried to use a physical style of play to wear down the Colonial Women. It didn't work, as three Xavier players including leading-scorer Amy Siefring fouled out with time to spare in the second half.

The last time we played them, they were really physical," Abraham said. "We made sure it didn't affect our game plan."

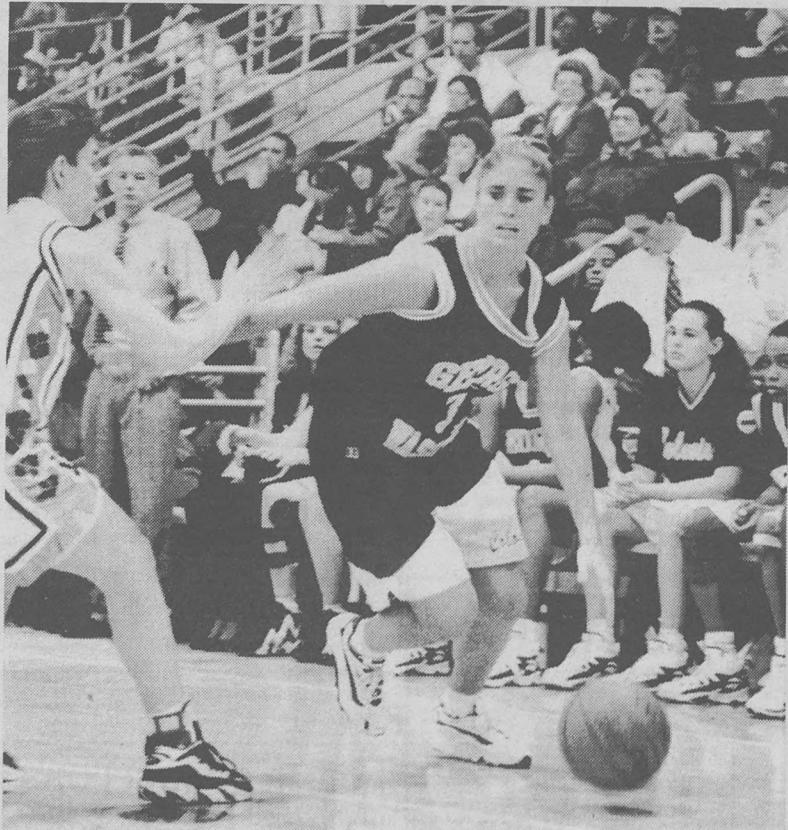
Xavier was coming off a 84-71 victory over St. Bonaventure the night before, and the team's fatigue began to show in the second half. "It was hard for them to press us for 40 minutes," GW head coach Joe McKeown said.

"I could sense that they were really tired," Lonergan said.

Even if Xavier was playing at full stamina Saturday, it would have been hard for them to stop the hot-shooting Colonial Women. GW shot 51 percent from the field and 77 percent from the line, making 17-20 free throws in the second half.

The Lady Musketeers were one of the two conference teams to beat the Colonial Women during the regular season, winning 77-70 on Jan. 4 in Cincinnati.

"We were really psyched to play them," said Xavier coach Melanie Balcomb. "We thought that they were a team that we could upset, since we had beaten them before. But they're a lot stronger and bigger than us."



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